THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : Mr. Singh, you address the Chair and don't bother about the interruptions.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : The chain of thought will go.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : It is because of this roving inquiry that there has been a delay. It is because of that roving inquiry that so many people have been sought to be dragged into this whole affair. If we had gone into the root of the matter, we would have got to the truth of the matter a long time ago. Rajivji was taking the logical steps to get to the root of the matter. He first signed the Memorandum of Understanding. He was then going in for the legal procedures. But you by passed all those procedures. I am ashamed to say that you by passed all those procedures.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Don't be ashamed .....*(Interruptions)*..... Why is he ashamed ?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Mr. V. P. Singh should be ashamed.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : We don't want to release these documents. Even for releasing these documents, Swiss Court has laid down certain conditions and I would like the hon. Minister to give us those conditions, to relate them to the House. Let us know what those conditions are. It is because of those conditions that no action is being taken until the actual proof is available. That is a fact. No action is being taken until actual proof is available because the court has already been moved. We do not want that investigation to be vitiated by any action that we take here. Today if we take any precipitate action against any one individual and the entire process gets vitiated, that is not what we want. You are not interested in getting to the truth because all that you are interested in is a campaign of calumny and innuendo. We are not interested in that. We are interested in getting to the truth. It has been said by various people here about the kind of campaign that was unleashed. We are all aware of it. I am sure you are also aware of it. You are party to it .....*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: That is what Mr. V. P. Singh did.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH : Therefore, Mr. Vice-Chairman, I urge upon the Government, now that we are close to the truth, let nothing which the Opposition says hamper our investigation, let nothing that the Opposition does hamper our investigation and let nothing that the Opposition implies hamper our investigation. Let us get to the truth of this matter and expose the dastardly game of the people who have chosen to unleash this campaign of calumny and innuendo. Thank you.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI) : Now, Mr. Rajesh Pilot regarding the fatal bomb attack on Shri P. Siva Reddy, Telugu Desam M.L.A.

STATEMENT BY MINISTERS

Fatal bomb attack on Shri P. Siva Reddy, Telgu Desam M.L.A.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I had made a statement day before yesterday on the unfortunate death of late Shri P. Siva Reddy, and some of the Members had some more queries for which I had promised that I will come back to the House and answer all those queries.

Sir, I had made a statement in this House on 10 August 1993 in connection with the fatal bomb attack on late Shri P. Siva Reddy, M.L.A. Some hon'ble Members had sought some clarifications. I had assured the House that I would provide answers after obtaining the necessary information from the State Government.

The following points were raised by the hon'ble Members :

(i) In spite of the fact that there was a direction the State High Court for providing additional security to Shri Reddy, the State Government failed to make adequate arrangements for his security.

(ii) The day before the fatal attack on Shri Reddy, the deceased himself pleased in the State Assembly for additional security and the Speaker had directed the State Government to provide additional security to him.

(iii) Wife of the deceased Shri Reddy had lodged an FIR in which she had mentioned the name of the State Home Minister as the prime accused.

(iv) One Hon'ble Member also wanted to know the names of the two security personnel attached with Shri Reddy.

As per information received from the State Government, Shri Reddy had filed Writ Petition No. 11574/92 in the State High Court which passed an Order on 28 September 1992, stating that the Inspector General of Police (Intelligence), DIG (Security) and DIG (Intelligence) should make an assessment of the gravity of the threat and the need to provide increased security to Shri Reddy, keeping in view the security provided to M.L.As against whom there were threats from extremists. As per the orders of the High Court, reports of Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah and Regional Intelligence Officer, Kurnool, were obtained by the Inspector General of Police (Intelligence) where in it was stated that there was threat to Shri Reddy from factional rivalry and not from extremist elements and that the security already provided to him, that is of two PSOs, was adequate. Accordingly, Shri Reddy was informed on 11 November, 1992 that the security provided to him was considered adequate. Subsequently, Shri Reddy filed another Writ Petition No. 16017/92, on 3rd December, 1992, reiterating elaborate reasons for provision of additional security to him. The Additional Superintendent of Police (Intelligence Security), Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah, and Dr. M. V. Mysoora Reddy, Minister for Home, Andhra Pradesh, filed counter-affidavits. The Superintendent of Police (Security Wing) stated that the security for Shri Reddy had been reduced from 5 to 2 as the bye-elections were over and the threat to him was from factional feuds and not from extremist elements and that the existing security was adequate. The Court ordered that there were no grounds for its interference and accordingly dismissed the Writ Petition. In this order, the High Court held that no mala fide was made out against the State Home Minister and that Shri Reddy had not provided any material against the Home Minister regarding the assertion that the later had instructed to reduce his security.

On 6 August 1993, Shri Reddy stated in the State Legislative Assembly that the security provided to him was inadequate and he was under threat to his life. He requested for the strengthening of his security. After the debate, the hon'ble Speaker ordered, on 6 August 1993, that the security for the MLA be upgraded. The hon'ble Speaker's orders were communicated by the State Home Minister's Office to the DIG (Intelligence Security) on the evening of 6 August 1993. In the absence of DIG (Security), who was away on tour at Chirala in connection with Chief Minister's visit, the Superintendent of Police (Security) contacted the Additional Commandant 11 Battalion, APSP, Kurnool, on 6 August 1993 night and instructed him to select two good commando trained PSOs with automatic weapons and attach them to the MLA as additional security. On an earlier occasion, Shri Reddy had preferred to have PSOs from the 11 Battalion in Kurnool, which is located about 200 Kms away from Hyderabad and had declined to accept PSOs from the District Police. The unfortunate incident occurred on 7 August 1993 at 12.15 P. M. before the PSOs had arrived from Kurnool.

As regards Mrs P. Siva Reddy having mentioned the State Home Minister as the prime accused in an FIR the State Government's report reveals that Mrs. Reddy has not filed any complaint. An FIR, Cr. No. 276/93, under sections 147, 148, 302 and 307 of IPC read with section 149 of IPC and sections 3 and 4 of the Explosives Substances Act, was filed by one Shri Sheikh Mehmood, driver of the Joint Director, Panchayati Raj Department, who happended to be an eye witness. This FIR, filed on 7 August at about 1.00 P. M, does not make any mention of the State Home Minister. However, at about 10.30 P. M on the same day, a person by the name of Siddamreddy China Sanjeev Reddy, claiming to be an eye witness, gave a representation to the Inspector of Police, Banjara Hills Police Station, accusing that the persons who threw the bomb were the followers of the State Home Minister who, according to him, was a better rival of the deceased. This allegation is being looked into by the State C.I.D. The State Government has reported that the said Sanjeeva Reddy had not appeared before the Police Officers who visited the spot soon after the occurrence, nor was he mentioned by the relatives of the deceased during the inquest which took place that afternoon.

Head Constable K. Nathaneil and Police Constable K. Nageswara Raddy were attached with Shri P. Siva Reddy as personal security guards.

Sir, I also wish to make a *suo motu* statement on the prevailing situation in Manipur about which the hon. Members were annoyed.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER SITUATION IN MANIPUR

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): Sir, the ethnic conflict bet-